

Oilers Take Sensational Game From Miners, 3 to 2

Opportune Hitting And Fast Base Running Wins For Oilers

Brilliant Fielding Is Feature of Pitchers' Duel

2 STEALS WIN GAME

Connelly and Burke Steal Home; Cowan and Burger Pitch Well

By LARRY DAILEY

Brilliant base running with opportune hitting gave the Oilers victory yesterday in the second game of the series with the Miners, 3 to 2, in a pitchers' battle between Lou Cowan of Tulsa and "Lefty" Burger of Joplin. The game was one of the best ever played at McNulty park and was featured by brilliant fielding. But an error was made by either club and hits and runs were cut off several times by sensational defensive work, including three double plays by the Oilers.

The victory of the Oilers was due mainly to brainy and speedy base running, skillfully directed by Manager Abbott and successfully executed by the players. Tommy Connelly stole home in the seventh inning, thus putting the Oilers one run ahead. It was the second time the flashing outfielder has helped win games on the home lot by steals of home. Jimmy Burke scored the winning run in the ninth when he and Cleveland pitcher, Ed Doherty, stole home, leaving the Oilers with a 3-2 lead. Burke sliding over the plate ahead of Krueger's return pep to Dunn.

Cowan Pitched in Good Form

Cowan pitched superb ball the first seven innings, permitting only one run and three hits in those frames. He weakened in the eighth and ninth, the Miners making three hits in each of those innings, but sensational support turned back the visitors with only one run prior to the eighth.

Burger hurled a creditable game, his control being especially good, only one Oiler reaching first base by free transportation.

No scores were made until the third inning, when the Oilers counted one. Cowan, first up, singled sharply to center. Burke sacrificed to center. Krueger, Graham singled to center, scoring Cowan. Graham was forced at second by Cleveland. Tierney doubled to right but Barker and Tierney died on bases when Davis caught out.

Tied in the Fourth

The Miners tied the fourth. Krueger was poised with one out but was caught stealing. Doherty, McManus, Lamb walked and scored on Wagner's double to right. Tulsa took the lead in the seventh. Connelly, first up, singled to center. McManus sacrificed, Yoekoe to Krueger. Doherty grounded out to Barker. Connelly scored to third. Connelly then stole home.

All three Oilers who scored hit safely to center field in the inning in which they counted. Barker, first up, singled to center. Doherty, McManus, Lamb walked and scored on Wagner's double to right. Tulsa took the lead in the seventh. Connelly, first up, singled to center. McManus sacrificed, Yoekoe to Krueger. Doherty grounded out to Barker. Connelly scored to third. Connelly then stole home.

The Oilers made three hits in the eighth, including a double by Barker, first up. Barker was caught at third when Larmore failed to sacrifice. Bob singled to center and was followed by another single by Krueger. Dunn and Lamb flew out to Davis and Connelly.

Hally Falls One Short

A desperate rally which netted one run but which fell short of evening up the count was made by the fighting Oilers in the ninth. Wagner, lead-off man, singled to center. Tierney, McManus and Graham made a lightning double play, retiring Yoekoe and Wagner and clearing the bases. Strong tripled to right. Snyder, batting for Barker, singled to left, scoring Tierney. Snyder was out attempting to steal second. Doherty to Tierney.

Notes of the Game

Today's game, the third of the series, starts at 4:15 o'clock.

In addition to his steal of home and speedy fielding Connelly was yesterday's batting leader with two hits in three trips.

Hay Richmond of the Oilers and Becker of the Miners are today's probable pitching selections.

Larmore pulled the first sensational fielding when he made a one-hand catch of Tierney's liner.

Cleveland's stop of Yoekoe's grounder, far to Barker's right, got a deserved big hand.

Dawson Graham pulled two neat fielding plays, his catch of Cleveland's high pop of Krueger's grounder in the fourth and his stop and throw of Strong's roller in the third, showing the big first sacker at his best.

Connelly backed to the farthest point in center field to take Yoekoe's drive in the fourth.

Boehler, Joplin's pitcher, was chased to the showers from the bench in the eighth inning after testing a decision by Umpire Fitzpatrick.

Doherty's snappy work in catching Lamb's pop in front of the first base and doubling Dunn off second pulled Cowan out of a bad looking situation.

Cotton Tierney continues to be an offensive and defensive star.

Yesterday was ladies' day and a large number of families took advantage of the splendid baseball weather to cheer the Oilers to victory.

John Smithson, a southpaw, last season with Houston club of the Texas league and who refused to report to the Buffs this year, has been purchased by Spencer Abbott. Smithson is a big fellow and was once the property of the Detroit Tigers.

Fine Baseball

JOPLIN

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bogart, If.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Larmore, If.	3	0	1	2	3	0
Krueger, 2b.	4	0	1	4	5	0
Dunn, c.	3	0	1	1	0	0
Lamb, rf.	3	1	1	2	0	0
Wagner, 3b.	4	0	2	1	0	0
Yoekoe, 1b.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Strong, 1b.	2	1	1	1	0	0
Burger, p.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder, c.	1	0	1	0	0	0

Totals 30 2 9 24 18 0

Abatted for Burger in ninth.

TULSA

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Burke, If.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Graham, 1b.	3	0	2	1	0	0
Cleveland, 3b.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Tierney, ss.	4	0	1	3	4	0
Davis, rf.	3	0	1	1	0	0
Connelly, c.	3	2	3	5	0	0
McManus, 2b.	2	0	0	3	2	0
Doherty, p.	3	0	0	4	4	0
Cowan, p.	3	1	1	0	1	0

Totals 25 3 8 27 17 0

Joplin 600 100 001-2

Tulsa 001 000 11X-3

Summary: Two-base hits, Bogart, Dunn, Lamb, Wagner, Tierney; three-base hits, Strong, Burke, Graham; sacrifice hits, Burger, Burke, Cleveland; Connelly; left on bases, Joplin 7, Tulsa 5; bases on balls, off Burger 1, off Cowan 5; struck out, by Burger 1, by Cowan 4; double plays, Krueger to Larmore to Strong, Doherty to Tierney, Tierney to McManus to Graham; time, 1:33; umpires, Wilson and Fitzpatrick.

CHAMPS EASILY BEAT BOOSTERS

Izzies Defeat Indians; Rourke Wins From Packers

ST. JOSEPH, May 25.—The St. Joseph Boosters beat the Izzies 4 to 1. A shutout was prevented by the Boosters in the sixth inning when they scored their single tally.

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"THAT LITTLE GAME" --- The Cheerless Givers



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